(*h*) If sanction has been accorded, what is the reason for not starting the work?

(*i*) Do the Government intend commencing work this year?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—7. (*a*) Rs. 21,333.

(*b*) About 32 years ago. Only a portion was constructed then.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Fresh project has been prepared at a cost of Rs. 3,82,000 and the same is under consideration.

(*f*) Yes. They have executed *mutchalikas*.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Project is still under consideration.

(*i*) Will be considered when the project is received for sanction.

MR. RAMADOSS (Hiriyur Taluk).—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The length of the two big channels (right and left) in miles from the Vani Vilas Sagara?

(*b*) The number of hours within which water reaches and stands upon the *saguvali* lands at the tail end of the channels after the sluice is opened?

(*c*) How many feet of water should flow at the gauge stone fixed in the big channel near the Hiriyur Taluk Office so as to secure a sufficient supply of water at one and the same time to the standing crops on the entire irrigable area under these channels?

(*d*) How many feet of water should similarly flow at the gauge stone provided in the right channel near the bridge on the Huliyur road?

(*e*) How many feet of water should flow at the gauge stone fixed in the big distributory channels near the Inspection Lodge of the Department of Public Works at Maskal and Nandihalli villages to provide a sufficient supply to the tail end lands?

(*f*) Is the Government aware of the daily sufferings of the poor raiyats of the tail end area for want of water which does not reach the tail end owing to the silting up of the Rayagalves which are in disrepair?

(*g*) Who are the responsible officers that should be approached by such raiyats to get their grievances redressed?

(*h*) Who are responsible for the loss sustained by the raiyats for the non-supply of water by not keeping up to the programme of water supply once intimated to the raiyats?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—8. (*a*) 29 and 30 miles respectively.

(*b*) 24 to 30 hours under normal conditions.

(*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) The depths vary. Moreover, the quantity of water allowed in the channels depends upon the nature and extent of cultivation below.

(*f*) No. There appears to be none.

(*g*) The Assistant Engineer, Hiriyur, and the Channel staff and the higher officers of the Public Works Department.

(*h*) The programme is ordinarily kept up.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

The answers to Sub-sections (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of the question are not adequate and the meaning is not clear.

Revenue Commissioner.—

It is not possible to fix any such arbitrary limit. When we fix any such limit, it would cause considerable inconvenience to the raiyats.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Is there a gauge ?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Is not the gauge reading taken every day ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is taken every day.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Is not the acreage under the tank known ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is known.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

When the Department knows all the details, where was the difficulty in answering the question ?

Second Member of Council.—

The Chief Engineer is not here. If the question is repeated, we will give a reply.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda —

Will the Government be pleased to give adequate replies to questions ?

Second Member of Council.—

As far as possible they are giving reasonable replies. If you put your questions clearly, every attempt will be made to answer them.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

No answer is given to the first portion of Section (*h*) of the question ?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot say who is responsible. If there is water, it will be given.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

If there is no water supply, will not the raiyats suffer?

Second Member of Council.—

The case of lands under the Vani Vilas Sagara is different. We know the difficulties there. Your question is based on assumptions. I agree that if there is no water, there will be difficulty.

Mr. Veeraraj Urs.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that there is not enough supply of water in the channels in the Mysore District ?

Second Member of Council.—

That does not refer to the matter under discussion.